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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment for hens and 16-24 lb. tom's steady to firm. Heavy trading noted on opened priced hens and toms for May shipments, and firm priced for June thru September with hens at 66 cents and toms at 69 cents, with minimal shipping charges. Offerings continued to be limited for prompt deliveries, best for forward sales. Trading and demand for parts and meats light to moderate.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export trading was active into Asia and various island countries. Light to Mexico.

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#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

#### FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

#### OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-66	65	65.00	60	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-	66.00	600	JUN-SEP	640	MAY
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66	-	-	-	69.00	1800	JUN-SEP	880	MAY

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 04 MAY 1999.

Trade sentiment barely steady to weak on fresh tom breast meat and skin added mechanically separated turkey, steady to fully steady on 4-8 lb. breasts, at least steady on institutional breasts. Bulk parts demand light with trading consisting mostly of part loads. Tom offerings of drums and necks adequate to instances burdensome, full-cut wings adequate to fully adequate, 2-joint wings light to adequate. Hen bulk parts better balanced than tom. Grade A breasts (part loads): 12-14 lb. 145, 14-16 lb. 155, 16-18 lb. 165, plant grade breasts (part loads): 10-12 lb. 120, 12-14 lb. 138 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	95.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	92.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	17.00		17.00	6
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	16.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	16.23	26
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00-24.00		23.43	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	22.00	7
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	22.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	39.00	40
NECKS, TOM	16.00		16.00	18
NECKS, HEN		T	16.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	184.00-187.00		185.00	240
THIGH MEAT		F	42.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	110.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS	140.00		140.00	15
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	68.00	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	15.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.75-15.00		14.88	560

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	F	15.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	W	22.50	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	W	19.00	104
TAILS	F	18.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	F	11.48	1,352
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	F	44.08	1,160

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

#### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	79-87
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	80-87
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	69-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	75-77

#### **SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	82-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	79-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	79-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	82-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	88-103

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Trade sentiment mostly steady to barely steady on fresh tom breast meat with some sellers not as pessimistic due to increased internal usage and others freezing product for summer needs. Demand and trading light to fair on 4-8 lb. breasts. Market activity improved on 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey resulting in offerings starting to become not as abundant when compared to previous weeks. Frozen thigh meat offerings light to adequate as industry members continue to gradually raise offering prices. For export: hen defatted gizzards (1 container) 54, frozen breeder thigh meat (2 rail-cars) 37 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	95.00		95.00	240
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	90.00-92.00		90.24	340
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	17.00	6
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	16.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	23.43	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	39.00		39.00	160
NECKS, TOM	15.50		15.50	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	185.00		185.00	40
THIGH MEAT	47.00		47.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT	110.00		110.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		T	140.00	15
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	15.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00		16.00	160

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	14.50		14.50	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	19.00		19.00	416
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	19.00	104
TAILS		F	18.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00-16.00		13.15	602
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	43.00-45.00		44.34	678

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#### **USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS, POULTRY MARKET NEWS OFFICES**

<b><u>BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA</u></b>		<b><u>W/E 5/5/99</u></b>	
<b><u>POULTRY HEALTH BOARD</u></b>		ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDERS
1998-99	-	412,108	412,458
1997-98	24,868	436,129	436,379

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